

APRIL 6, 2026

The April 6, 2026 meeting of the Town of Gibson Town Board was called to order by Chairperson Steven Rahmlow at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 14920 CTH Q, Mishicot, Wisconsin. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and open meetings law compliance was verified.

Chairperson Steven Rahmlow, Supervisor Don Rabitz, Supervisor Duane Argall, and Clerk/Treasurer Linda Herman were present. Others in attendance: Kelley Bielinski, William Herman, Richard Wegner, David Korinek, Dennis Rabas, Ryan Collins, Shaun Wendt, Michael Herzog, Derek Krejcarek, Jonathan Peterson, Richard Hornak and Titus Beachy.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to adopt agenda in any order. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Minutes of March 9, 2026 meeting approved on motion by Argall, second by Rabitz. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Next regular meeting set for Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment – Richard Hornak stated a very nice job was done with the blizzard snowplowing. Michael Herzog, 13731 Melnik Road, stated he was here because of his continued damage claim to his property, requests town board site visit, would propose remedies in amicable manner, and stated that elected board members take an oath of office to accept township's past and present responsibilities.

Building, Zoning & Culvert Permits – (a) Clerk reported issuance of building permits to the following: Joseph Kurscheidt – metal shed and single family residence at 1122 Hillview Road. Jason Kittell contacted clerk regarding the moving of a garage and if a permit was required – board requested permit for the moving of the garage; clerk will issue permits.

Rahmlow will follow up with Dylan Mancoske on culvert at 6859 W. Zander Road.

Argall gave status report on March 30, 2026 hearing for Manitowoc County Code, Chapter 8 amendment regarding construction of data center applications moratorium –all present at hearing spoke in favor of moratorium and it is moving on to county board.

Argall presented information on Conditional Use Permit request by Titus Beachy. Town Plan Commission met and unanimously approved the permit application. Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz, to approve the Conditional Use Permit of Titus Beachy (applicant) for a 48' by 72' structure and operation of poly outdoor furniture and other items such as, but not limited to: wagons, portable chicken coops, and small green houses with the following conditions, to be located at 5025 State Hwy. 147 W, Maribel:

1. T. Beachy to provide proof of purchase of property located at 5025 State Hwy 147 W, parcel number 00602800501500 and 00602101200300 to the Town Clerk.
2. Hours of operation would be 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday thru Saturday.
3. Number of employees limited to 2.
4. Outdoor lighting would consist of 1 light on the front of the building (pointing down), 1 light in back and a light over the access personal door to shop.
5. The dumpster for waste to be located behind the shop.
6. No fencing is needed.
7. The finished products are to be displayed primarily in the front of the shop in a neat and professional manner. (Examples include but not limited to: poly outdoor furniture, portable chicken coops, wagons, small green houses). Any additional product is to be kept behind the shop and then moved as needed to the front display areas.
8. A sign to be located on the building is approved.
9. No customer parking allowed on the highway shoulders of State HWY 147.

All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Town Board Reports – Clerk presented/reported on financial reports, communications received from Badgerland on pit prices, Meigs Paving, resident contact regarding pit operation hours, Manitowoc County spring hours for compost site, receipt of bridge aid funds, April 7 election, and annual meeting. Argall reported he will attend rescheduled AI informational meeting, attended zoning training and purchased a handbook for planning commission reference. When he opened Melnik gates he noticed grass etc. stuck on bridge, and spoke with county surveyor on Wendy Hieggelke .6 acre parcel on Hillview Court–matter will be on May agenda. Rahmlow reported on calls for water issues, including from Mr. Johnson and his driveway washout – gave him names of excavators for adding gravel; closing Melnik Rd. due to flooding, reports to sheriff on littering incident resulting in \$500.00 citation; ambulance and recycling center are doing good.

Snowplowing – Chairperson stated fantastic job on snowplowing after last snowstorm– some items need to be fixed and Rahmlow will provide list. Clerk updated board on disaster aid application availability.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, that clerk apply for disaster aid from Wisconsin Emergency Management for two days of snowplowing expenses. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Michael Herzog – Board Discussion. Rahmlow gave update of Mr. Herzog’s communications to him and the clerk requesting a meeting and to be placed on the agenda– Rahmlow informed him he could speak during public input. Clerk has been receiving monthly statements. All information, communications, and statements have been forwarded to Rural Insurance. Chairperson Rahmlow stated the town board is aware of Mr. Herzog’s claim, it has been legally disallowed and the statute of limitations has expired for any further consideration and that Mr. Herzog has been advised of this.

Ditch Cutting– Rabitz presented 2026 agreement. Clerk will post availability and matter will be on May agenda for award.

2025 Audit – Representation letter to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP was executed to be returned to auditor.

Ordinance No. 2026-3 – Recycling – Discussion on Wisconsin DNR rule revisions that necessitated updating the town’s recycling ordinance. **Motion by Argall, second by Rabitz, to enact Ordinance 2026-3 to Repeal Ordinance No. 2020-1 Amending Ordinance Creating Section 6.04 and Repeal and Recreate Section 6.04 Mandatory Recycling and January 3, 1995 amendment thereto of the General Code of Ordinances. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-4 Supporting a Transportation Funding Solution – Discussion regarding resolution provided by the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding a new transportation funding effort. **Motion by Argall, second by Rahmlow, to adopt Town Board Resolution No. 2026-4 Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution. Argall and Rahmlow voting aye by voice vote, Rabitz voting nay. Motion carried.**

Fire Departments – contracts/annual charges, Tisch Mills Contract, Mishicot Fire Department correspondence – Discussion with representatives of Maribel Fire Department related to increases and funding of department. Maribel requesting to stay with equalized value and offered to use in 2027, the 2025 equalized value, in 2028 they would use 2026 equalized value, etc. The rates for 2026 and 2027 would be the same. The length of a future contract, department needs, along with percentage increases was discussed. Rahmlow stated option of not paying over 5% increase using equalized value, with a guarantee to department of at least 1% if value would go down. Rahmlow would like to continue communications and work with fire departments and present information to residents at annual meeting. Talks will continue.

Rahmlow will continue talks with Mishicot and Tisch Mill Fire. Rahmlow read letter from Mishicot Fire Department requesting a unified proposal from Towns of Gibson and Mishicot and the Village of Mishicot. On April 8 there will be meeting of Town of Mishicot, Village of Mishicot and Gibson chairs and clerks to discuss a proposal to bring back to their boards.

Tisch Mills has not sent a contract at this time. Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, if Tisch Mills Fire contract comes in with the 2025 rate freeze, Rahmlow may sign. All voting aye, motion carried. Discussion. Due to necessity of all board members needing to sign, a motion was made by Rabitz, seconded by Argall to rescind motion regarding signing the fire department contract. All voting aye, motion carried. A meeting will be scheduled when contract is received.

Town Salt Shed/Road Maintenance Work – meeting scheduled for April 8, 2026 at 7 p.m.

ARIP Program – Rabitz called Gayle (REL) who is working on getting out to bid and he will keep board updated. Rabitz would like to bid out and put 2027 item in for add or deduct giving town options, depending on what happens with bids.

Road Projects – various/updates – Discussion on Melnik gates – locks/chains will be purchased at this time and further research will be done on installation standard.

Rahmlow received call from Jonathan Peterson regarding vehicle mud running in ditch - license plate taken, sheriff department contacted. Person received \$4,000 fine to go the property owner (Peterson) who agreed to get ditch fixed as some of damage is also on his property. Tower Excavating gave quote and ditch will be fixed.

Bielinski finished Hillview culvert. Material needed to be obtained from Manitowoc County and cost billed to town will be subtracted from Bielinski bill before it is paid. Markers on completed culverts are up.

Argall reported tree taken down on Nachtwey has large stump remaining; Rahmlow will look at. Argall working on grading proposal and will obtain quotes for line striping. Argall will obtain quotes for fixing dips on various roads, including those on Twin Bridge, North Lake Road, Zander – west of Q, Harpt Lake Road – north of Zander, and Old CC. Rahmlow continues to work on Zander Road tree issues.

Quotes were opened and reviewed for pothole repair from Bielinski Excavating and Wendt Services LLC.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to hire Wendt Services, LLC to do pothole patching and with town supplying the material from Manitowoc County. This also includes cleaning up dead grass on guardrail on the Melnik Bridge. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Liquor & Operator Licenses - Clerk issued operator's permits to Tina Klein and Katlyn Wotruba.

May 4, 2026 Agenda Items: At this time ditch cutting, road inspection, road striping projects, dip fixing, fire departments, and any other items mentioned herein will be placed on May agenda.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall to pay bills presented and payroll liabilities. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Rabitz, second by Argall, to adjourn. All voting aye by voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Linda S. Herman, Town Clerk